



February 3, 2004

**President**

Roy Bennett  
Res. 987-2403

**President Roy** asked **Roger Russell** to lead us in Cheerio and we were up to the task. **John Ross** asked the blessing.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

Tony Sheppard  
Res. 435-4325

**Bruce Foy** introduced his guest, Art Peterson.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President**

Wayne Tingley  
Res. 488-5467

From the "Did you know" department; I learned at the last meeting that the work to print the tickets and enter the scores for the hockey pool has been done by **John** and **Georgina Plunkett** for the last few years. As you can imagine with the number of tickets and the number of scores to enter this is not a small task. On behalf of all, thank you both very much!!

**Imm. Past President**

Victor Jagoldas  
Res. 434-2438

**Dave Duchak** reported on the last two games in the hockey pool. Game 11 on January 24 was played at Rexall Place with the Nashville Predators in town. The Predators were ahead 2:0 after one and the winners were **Margaret Butler** and Andrea Scornaienghi. After two it was 4:0 and the \$15 winners were **Peter Fairbridge** and Craig Russell. The Oilers came on in the third period, but not enough, and the final score was 4:3. Hilda Walker and **Bernice Pedden** won \$25.

**Secretary**

Barry Walker  
Res. 475-0983

On January 31, the Los Angeles Kings were in town and were leading 1:0 after the first period. The winners were Morgan Burnett, Ryan Presley, and Pat Sharp. The Kings were ahead 2:1 after forty minutes and the winners were David Boyko, Jeanne Rennie, and **Alan Rusler**. With a second disappointing 4:3 finish the big winners were **Margaret Butler** and Andrea Scornaienghi.

**Treasurer**

Dick Nichols  
Res. 476-3221

**Directors**

Peter Fairbridge  
Res. 435-5629  
Peter Butler  
Res. 987-4581  
Bruce Foy  
Res. 436-7142  
Win Kirkwood  
Res. 436-2300

**Gyrolog**

**Editor-In -Chief**

Gordon Rennie  
Res. 488-2856

A list of three new members was provided to each in attendance. Please note that the telephone number for **John Read** was incorrect. Please add the following to your roster. **David** and **Laura McNaughton**, 481-3612. **Val** and **Linda Pohl**, 462-0511. **Dr. John** and **Diane Read**, 430-8669.

**Editor**

Allan Douglas  
Phone/Fax 433-5409

**Barry Walker** distributed invitations to the Green and White Gala for Prostate Cancer Research to be held on

Thursday March 8, 2004 and the Shaw Conference Centre. The cost is \$2,000 for a table of 8 or \$275 individually. For more information contact Absolute Event & Conferences 780 418-2241 or [chirstine@goabsolute.ca](mailto:chirstine@goabsolute.ca)

**Allan Warrack** introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Laurel Strain, the new Director of the Alberta Centre on Aging. The undergraduate Gyro Scholarship went to Jessica Colby this year. She is a student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. The graduate Scholarship was won by Laura Mansueti who also spoke about her interests in aging. Specifically the impact of stroke on cognitive functioning.

The Centre on Aging promotes interdisciplinary research from the micro such as cell research to the macro such as societal research. Laurel has a grant to do a five year study on health and aging in a rural environment. The Centre has received support from the Canada Health Research Institute on Aging. She also displayed the plaques that are posted at the Centre with the names of the winners of the two scholarships each year. **Erik Hedegaard** thanked the speakers on our behalf and Laurel drew a card to give **Peter Carter** a free lunch.

The birthdays for the month are **Bryce Van Dusen, Dick Nichols, and Jack Ellis.**

**Victor Jagoldas** informed members that the Alberta Prairie Railway Excursion from Stettler to Big Valley is scheduled for the German Wine Society and Gyros on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be served in the dining car. Cheques can be made out to the German Wine Society and the cost is \$91.49. Contact **Victor** for more details.

**Barry Walker** informed us that he would like to place the order for the golf shirts (see below) by the end of the month. Place you order with him by email or telephone.

**Valerie Walker** reports that the Gyrettes reviewed the selections for golf shirt material for our Club at the Gyrette Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2003 and a colour selection was made. Thank you ladies for your assistance in leading the Gyros to the proper selection. The colour selected is "natural". The cost should be about \$30.00 to \$35.00 per golf shirt.

We now need to firm up our order and therefore need sizes. The material is preshrunk and your normal size should be chosen.

Men's sizes available	S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL
Lady's sizes available	S M L XL XXL

Please e-mail ([walkerb@petersonwalker.ab.ca](mailto:walkerb@petersonwalker.ab.ca)) or call **Valerie** or **Barry Walker** with your size.

We want to have all the volunteers for our June 9, 2004 Prostate Cancer Golf Tournament decked out in our new Club shirt.

If additional information is required, please call **Valerie** or **Barry**.

**John Ross** reports that he visited with **Bill Graham** on Thursday morning, who told him that he expects to be at the U of A for a while yet, and then likely will be moved into a Palliative Care facility. He is in unit 5F4 at the U of A hospital. Bill's body maybe failing him but his spirit certainly isn't! He is an amazing guy! He would welcome a visit from his GYRO friends.

I made a mistake in the last Gyrolog. **Tom Douglas** is in the Mewburn Veterans Centre.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS:***

The annual Mixed Valentines Day Party will be held Tuesday, February 10, at the La Boheme Restaurant, 6427 112 Avenue. Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7 pm. The format will be similar to last year's party at the Creperie, where there is a choice of menu. This time it will be a 4 course dinner, with the main course choice ranging from Roasted leg of lamb with garlic, rosemary and a red wine sauce, chicken breast stuffed with brie and dried apricots with a white wine sauce, or a filet of salmon with a tapenade crust and dill hollandaise sauce. Price is \$40 per person for Gyros, and \$45 for guests. This does not include alcoholic beverages. The restaurant has a very interesting and reasonable wine list. Make your plans now for this great event. Get your cheques in to **Larry Dobson**.

**John Ross** sent me the following. "We have a change in speakers for our upcoming meeting on the 17th. Unfortunately, our scheduled speaker Mr. Doug Jackson, from TransAlta, will now not be able to speak to us as planned. Alternately, Club member **John Ross** will tell us about his 11-week Cross Canada Cycling & Camping Adventure this past summer. **John** hopes that you won't boycott this downgrade in speaker! Do you have a friend who might also enjoy hearing this presentation about bicycling across Canada? If so, especially if he might be a prospective Club member, invite him as our guest. We will welcome him."

On March 1 there will be Bocce Night at the Italian Cultural Centre at 14230 133 Ave. The \$28 cost includes a full Italian dinner and a minimum of 2 games of bocce. Make cheques payable to the Edmonton Gyro Club. Bocce will start at 5:00PM with dinner scheduled for 6:30. Please forward confirmation by February 24<sup>th</sup> to **Mike Matei**, 414-2514 at work, 930-1780 at home.

**Bruce Foy** suggested, and members agreed, that the meeting on March 2 should not be cancelled due to Bocce. This meeting will provide an opportunity to induct our three new members. So put this date back on your calendar.

**Gerry Glassford** announced that the speaker for March 16<sup>th</sup> will be Wayne McDonald who will talk about the sinking of the Titanic on April 12, 1912.

The District VIII Interim Convention will be held in Fairmont Hot Springs and Resort March 26 to 28, 2004.

**THE GYRO PROSTATE CANCER TOURNAMENT** sponsored by the Edmonton Gyro Club and the Canadian Cancer Society is scheduled for June 9, 2004 at the Links Golf Course in Spruce Grove. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am with 144 golfers able to participate.

Lethbridge's 2004 District VIII Convention will be at Waterton Lakes National Park August 5 – 8 and includes a boat trip and breakfast at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

After the resounding success of the Christmas Party, **Walter Yakimets** has booked the same venue for Tuesday December 7, 2004.

Same Old Bull

Allan

